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ARRL's Lifetime Amateur licenses

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>privs that we \*do\* do is remember to file a 610 at least once a decade  
>- easily missed, since the FCC never notifies you you're license is  
>about to expire. Big deal. It may have little to do with contempt

i received e-mail from a league staffer indicating the FCC WAS going to start  
sending out tickler notices in a postcard form that would just require the  
operator to sign off and return. and that Fred Maia will do it for \$4.  
surprised this information wasn't posted to the net, but maybe there's still  
some problem there as well (people not keeping their addresses up to  
date..hmm does a returned tickler card due to bad address automatically  
generate a NAL for someone when they send in a renewal?..). there was also an  
implication that a lifetime operator license would be a lever to get lifetime  
vanity calls (w/o a fee every 10 years..) as long as the operator renews his  
station license...but i don't know why a lifetime operator license would cause  
a lifetime station license to occur or why they would give up \$7/year fees --  
i still think there should be some sort of check in.

pilot licenses are forever, but the medical certification is not and you need to have regular check rides (something like every 2 years or so - i forget).

>with a new callsign. All we need do is have a lifetime grace period  
>for renewal, but you lose your callsign after 2 years. It would

i like this idea. painless and simple to implement at the FCC level and avoids the operator with no station license snag. although i think Mike Denigan has a point about currency.

>Does this mean you would like to see re-testing for all amateurs? Would  
>this simply be theory or theory plus code?

I'd give 'em the doubt if they stay current in renewals since we'll let that stand for someone at least interested enough to keep himself in the files. it's probably more important to find a way to get people who have licenses today motivated to get on the air.

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